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TEHRAN FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

FOR BRZEZINSKI FROM THORNTON

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INDIAN SENSITIVITY ABOUT US COMMENTS ON INDO-SOVIET
RELATIONS

1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN THE LAST TWO DAYS
AT LEAST TWO INDIAN PAPERS HAVE REFERRED UNFAVORABLY
TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENT ON THE GOI'S MOVING
AWAY FROM THE SOVIETS AND TOWARD US. THE DECEMBER 30
"TIMES OF INDIA" CITES "COMPETENT CIRCLES" AS
SAYING THAT THE REMARK IS NOT TAKEN AS A COMPLIMENT.
THESE "CIRCLES" REPORTEDLY EXPLAIN THAT "THERE IS
NO QUESTION OF INDIA MOVING TOWARD ANY COUNTRY, BIG OR
SMALL" AND THAT THE DESAI GOVERNMENT "CONTINUES TO VALUE
ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES AND IT IS NOT CONTRADICTORY." (ARTICLE
DID NOT MENTION THAT PRESIDENT HAD SAID THAT INDIANS WERE
ASSUMING A ROLE OF NEUTRALITY.)

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2. INDIAN EXPRESS PICKED UP SAME THEME THIS MORNING IN AN
OTHERWISE FAVORABLE EDITORIAL WELCOMING PRESIDENT'S
VISIT. EDIT POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO A
PRO-SOVIET TILT IN INDIAN POLICY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED
AS EMBARRASSING.

3. AMBASSADOR QUERIED PALKIVALA YESTERDAY ABOUT THE

SOURCE OF THE TIMES OF INDIA ITEM. PALKHIVALA SAID THAT HE WAS SURE NEITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOR FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA (WHO HAD HIMSELF EXTENSIVELY BRIEFED THE PRESS EARLIER) WOULD HAVE MADE SUCH COMMENTS. PALKIVALA ADDED THAT THERE WERE OTHERS IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHO MIGHT HAVE, HOWEVER.

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